



Billy Willis

December 19, 1947 - May 7, 2006

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at the Wolverine Baptist Headquarters, 615 S. Jefferson Ave. Rev. James Hodge will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Friday from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Mr. Willis passed away May 7, 2006 at the age of 58 years. He was born December 19, 1947 in Magnolia, AR to Curtis and Gracie (Harris) Willis. He attended Saginaw public schools, was formerly employed by Grey Iron Foundry of G.M. and a member of UAW Local 668. He retired April 1, 2005 with 38 years of service. He took pride in doing home improvement. Mr. Willis was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Grace Willis, his brothers, John (Truman) Rowden and Clifton Ray Willis. He leaves to cherish his memory a dear, loving fiancée, Shirley Brodnex; three daughters, Shellanda (Willie) Johnson of Hinesville, GA, Shavonya and Sharone of Saginaw, MI; five sons, Billy Lewis, Detroit, MI, Damien (Faten), Willie, Ronnie, and Bryant all of Saginaw, MI; sixteen grandchildren; one sister, Patsy Willis, Saginaw, MI; two brothers; Curtis (Sadie) Willis of Louisiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Joe Berry of Arkansas; many nieces, nephews, many great nieces and great nephews; aunts, Mary (Junior) Willis of Saginaw, MI, Olivee (Columbus) Reinhart, Elyria, OH, Ida Mae Johnson, Magnolia, AR, Alee Willis, Oakland, CA; uncles, Martel (Dorothy) Harris, Saginaw, MI, Richard Harris, Kansas City, MO, Mozell Willis, McNeil, AR; best friends, Don Anderson, Abel Martin, Don Keridge, Jimmie Taylor, Lee Dottery, and a very dear cousin, Greg Willis.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ We are so sorry that this has happened. May god keep and hold the family together in this time of need. I remember when we all went to to see Gerald Lavert at the DTE Energy, Blue you were so happy that night. Boy did we have a great time together. I will never forget when you referred me to the Grey Iron Plant, that was the best job I ever had. It's been a pleasure to have you as a friend. We the Smith family will never forget you.

Ronda and June Smith - May 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Never forgotten and often missed.

S. Hemphill - May 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ To the family, hold your head up and be strong because you know that's what Blu would have wanted. I'll always love you and remember the good times.

Peewee - May 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ May God the father bless you, God the son heal your heart though these times God the sirit give you strenth to the days to come " LOCK"

Berlin Lockhart - May 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ A man that helped and did for others will always be missed. Friends will have a void in there lives. But God is able to be a friend. Children will have a emptyness but God is able to fill it. Look to God in times like this he is our strength. Praying for you.
Joe

Joseph Bady Jr. - May 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ To the Willis family, who I have known most of my life. I hadn't seen Blue in awhile.but every time I did he would have that smile on his face saying" Hey Jones". I'm deeply sorry for your lost, may the lord keep and bless the family.

Melvin Jones - May 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ May god be with the family in times like this. Stick together and stay strong.

Angie Gipson - May 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM